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You very kindly wrote last month suggesting that the Prime Minister should meet Mr Leslie Phillips who is, as present, acting in a play at the Savoy Theatre.

I have added his name to the list of those who might be invited to Downing Street when a suitable opportunity arises.

We will try to get you here on the same occasion.

Thank you very much for having taken the trouble to write about it.

Ian Gow MP
Parliamentary Private Secretary

Nicholas Winterton Esq MP

cc Sue Goodchild

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(Macclesfield)



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Dear Ian,

Last Thursday I was attending a function at the St Ermin's Hotel where I met the actors Frankie Howerd and Leslie Phillips and the writer Kingsley Amis. I did have a long personal conversation with Leslie Phillips who you may be interested to know has just opened in a new show at the Savoy Theatre and he indicated that he was a very strong supporter of the Conservative Party. He has been, in fact I am not sure if he still not, an elected officer of Equity and he indicated to me that he would very much like an opportunity to meet the Prime Minister to discuss the theatre in general.

I believe it is important for us to maintain the widest possible cross-section of support, including support in the arts and the theatre, and I am wondering therefore whether it might be possible at some time in the future for Margaret to meet Leslie Phillips at the House of Commons. I know how busy Margaret is and that a meeting may not be possible in the immediate future, but if an offer of a meeting could be made at some time I know that this would be greatly appreciated and could do our cause considerable good.

N. Winterton
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